(c) by when the Irrigation Financial Corporation is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Subsidy for Elementary and Secondary Education

*29. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bulk of the expenditure on education in the country is in the form of subsidies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what percentage of this subsidy is earmarked for the elementary and secondary education respectively;

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the quantum of subsidy on higher education; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) The budget of the Central Government does not provide for any subsidy in education. However, since the fee collected from students is less than the actual cost of providing education it can be said in a general sense that education is subsidised.

(b) According to the information available with the Government only 7.5 per cent of the total cost of education is met by the fees charged from students. The sector-wise and source-wise percentage contribution towards the cost of education is as under:—

Sector	Contral Government	State Government & UT Admns.	Local Government	Fees	Other Sources
Elementary Education .	0.92	86.29	10.95	0.91	0.93
Secondary Education .	1.81	81.56	5.94	7.57	3.12
Higher Education . .	7.00	62.68	1.11	12.78	16.43

(c) and (d) The endeavour of the Government would be, in a phased manner, to reduce the element of subsidy in higher and technical education. The details in this behalf have not been worked out.

Indira Gandhi Nahar Project

*30. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state whether there has been a manifold increase in the initial cost estimates of the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project (IGNP), under construction, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): The initial estimated cost of the Indira Gandhi Canal Project envisag-